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The jury re-entered the court after half an hour's consultation. It all comes back to me as vividly as though I stood in the dock at this very moment. The dense fog that hung over the well of the court, the barristers' wigs that bobbed up through it and were drowned again in that seething caldron, the rays of the guttering candles—for the murder trial had lasted far into the evening—that loomed through it and wore a sickly halo; the red robes and the red face of my lord judge opposite that stared through it and outshone the candles; the black crowd around, seen mistily; the voice of the usher calling "Silence!" the shuffling of the jurymen's feet; the blank pallor on their faces as I leaned forward and tried to read the verdict on them; the very smell of the place, compounded of fog, jail fever, the close air, and the dinners eaten earlier in the day by the crowd—all this strikes home upon me as sharply as it then did after the numb apathy of waiting.

As the jury huddled into their places I stole a look at my council. He paused a moment from his task of trimming a quill, shot a quick glance at the foreman's face, and then went on cutting as coolly as ever.

"Gentlemen of the jury"—it was the judge's voice—"are you agreed upon your verdict."

"We are."

"Do you find the prisoner guilty or not guilty?'

"Not guilty."

It must have been fully a minute, as I leaned back clutching the rail in front of me, before I saw anything but the bleared eyes of the candles or heard anything but a hoarse murmur from the crowd. But as soon as the court ceased to heave, and I could stare about me I looked toward my counsel again.

He was still shaping his pen. He made no motion to come forward and shake hands over my acquittal, for which he had worked untiringly all day. He did not even offer to speak. He just looked up, nodded carelessly and turned to his junior beside him; but in that glance I had read something which turned my heart cold, then sink within me, and from that moment my hatred of the man was fixed. He knew my secret!

In the fog outside I got clear of the gaping crowd, but the chill of the night after that heated court pierced my very bones. I had on the clothes I had been taken in. It was June then, and now it was late in October. I remember that the day they caught me I wore my coat open for coolness. Four months and a half had gone out of my life. Well, I had money enough in my pocket to get a greatcoat, but I must put something warm inside me first to get out the chill that cursed lawyer had laid on my heart.

I had purposely chosen the by-lanes of the town, but I remembered a certain tavern—the Lamb and Flag—which lay down a side alley. Presently a light from its windows loomed like a beacon ahead. I pushed open the door and entered.

The small bar was full of people newly come from the court and discussing the trial in all its bearings. In the babel I heard a dozen different opinions given in as many seconds, and learned enough, too, to make me content with the jury I had had. But the warmth of the place was pleasant, and I elbowed my way forward to the counter.

There was a woman standing by the door as I entered, who looked curiously at me for a moment, then turned to nudge a man at her side and whisper. The whisper grew as I pressed forward, and before I could reach the counter a hand was laid on my shoulder from behind. I turned.

"Well?" said I.

It was a heavy looking drover that had touched me.

"Are you the chap as was tried today for murder of Merchant Todd?" he asked.

"Well?" said I again, but I could see the crowd falling back as if I was a leper, at his question.

"Well? Tain't well then as I reckon, to be making so free with respectable people."

There was a murmur of assent from the gaping mouths turned toward me. The landlord came forward from behind the bar.

"I was acquitted," I urged defiantly.

"Acquitted!" said he, with big scorn in the syllables. "Hear 'im now—'acquitted!' Landlord, is this a respectable house?"

The landlord gave his verdict.

"H'out yer goes, and blame yer impudence!"

I looked round, but their faces were all dead against me.

"H'out yer goes!" repeated the landlord. "And think yerself lucky it ain't worse," added the drover.

With no further defense I slunk out into the night once more.

A small crowd of children (heaven knows whence or how they gathered) followed me up the court and out into the street. Their numbers swelled as I went on, and some began to hoot and pelt me; but when I gained the top of the hill, and a lonelier district, I turned and struck among them with my stick. It did my heart good to hear their screams.

After that I was let alone and tramped forward past the scattered houses toward the open country and the moors. Up here there was scarcely any fog, but I could see it by the rising moon, hanging like a shroud over the town below. The next town was near upon twelve miles off, but I do not remember that I thought of getting so far. I could not have thought at all, in fact, or I should hardly have taken the high road upon which the jeweler had been stopped and murdered.

There was a shrewd wind blowing, and I shivered all over; but the cold at my heart was worse, and my hate for the man who had set it there grew with every step. I thought of the four months and more which parted the two lives of Gabriel Foot, and what I should make of the new one. I had my chance again—a chance gained for me beyond hope by that counsel but for whom I should be sleeping to-night in the condemned cell; a chance, and a good chance but for that same cursed lawyer. Ugh! how cold it was, and how I hated him for it!

There was a little whitewashed cottage on the edge of the moorland just after the hedgerows ceased—the last house before the barren heath began, standing a full 300 yards from any other dwelling. Its front faced the road, and at the back an outhouse and a wretched garden jutted out on the wasteland. There was a light in each of its windows to-night, and, as I passed down the road, I heard the dismal music of a flute.

Perhaps it was this that jogged my thoughts and woke them up to my present pass. At any rate I had not gone more than twenty yards before I turned and made for the door. The people might give me a night's lodging in the outhouse. At any rate they would not refuse a crust to stay the fast which I had not broken since the morning. I tapped gently on the door and listened.

I waited five minutes and no one answered. The flute still continued its melancholy tune: it was evidently in the hands of a learner, for the air (a dispiriting one enough at the best) kept breaking off suddenly and repeating itself. But the performer had patience and the sound never ceased for more than two seconds at a time. Besides this was nothing to be heard. The blinds were drawn in all the windows. The glow of the candles through them was cheerful enough, but nothing was to be seen of the house inside. I knocked a second time and a third, with the same result. Finally, tired I pushed open the low gate which led into the garden behind, and stole round to the back of the cottage.

Here, too, the window on the ground floor was lit up behind its blinds, but that of the room above was shuttered. There was a hole in the shutter, however, where a knot of the wood had fallen out and a thin shaft of light stretched across the blackness and buried itself in a ragged yew tree at the end of the garden. From the loudness of the sounds I judged this to be the room where the flute playing was going on. The sound of my footsteps on the thin soil did not disturb the performer, so I gathered a handful of earth and pitched it against the pane. The flute stopped for a minute or so, but just as I was expecting to see the shutter open, went on again; this time the air was "Pretty Polly Oliver."

I crept back again and began to hammer more loudly at the door. "Come," said I, "whoever this may be inside, I'll see for myself at any rate," and with that I lifted the latch and gave the door a heavy kick. It flew open quite easily (it had not been locked), and I found myself in a low kitchen. The room was empty, but the relics of supper lay on the deal table, and there remains of what must have been a noble fire were still smoldering on the hearth stone. A crazy, rusty blunderbuss hung over the fireplace. This with a couple of chairs, a broken bacon rack and a small side table, completed the furniture of the place. No—for as I sat down to make meal off the remnants of supper something lying on the linen ash floor beneath this side table caught my eye; I stepped forward and picked it up.

It was a barrister's wig.

"This is a queer business," thought I; and I laid it the table opposite me as I went on with my supper. It was a "gossan" wig, as we call it in our parts; a wig grown yellow and rusty with age and wear. It looked so sly and wicked as it lay there, and brought back the event of the day so sharply that a queer dread took me of being discovered with it. I pulled out my pistol, loaded it (they had given me back both the powder and pistol found on me when I was taken), and laid it beside my plate. This done, I went on with my supper—it was an excellent cold capon—and all the time the flute upstairs kept toot tooting without stopping to change the tune. It gave me "Hearts of Oak," "Why, Soldiers, Why," Like Hermit Poor" and "Comin Lassies and lads," before I had fairly cleared the dish.

"And now," thought I, "I have had a good supper; but there are still three things to be done. In the first place I want drink, in the second I want a bed, and in the third I want to thank this kind person, whoever he is, for his hospitality. I'm not going to begin life No. 2 with housebreaking."

I rose, slipped the pistol into my tail pocket, and followed the sound up the ramshackle stairs. My footsteps made such a racket on these old timbers as fairly to frighten me, but they never disturbed the flute player. He had harked back again to "Like Hermit Poor" by this time, and the dulefulness of it was fit to make the dead cry out, but he went whining on until I reached the head of the stairs and struck a rousing knock on the door.

The playing stopped. "Come in," said a cheery voice; but it gave me no cheerfulness. Instead of that it sent all the comfort of my supper clean out me as I opened the door and saw him sitting there.

There he was, the man who had saved my neck that day and whom most I hated in the world, sitting before a snug fire with his flute on his knee, a glass of port wine at his elbow and looking so comfortable with that knowing light in his gray eye that I could have killed him where he sat.

"Oh, it's you, is it?" he said, just the very least bit surprised, and no more. "Come in."

I stood in the doorway hesitating.

"Don't stay letting in that monstrous draught, man; but sit down. You'll find the bottle on the table and a glass on a shelf."

I poured out a glassful and drank it off. The stuff was rare (I can remember its trick on the tongue to this day), but somehow it did not drive the cold out of my heart. I took another glass and sat sipping it and staring from the fire to my companion.

He had taken up the flute again, and was blowing a few deep notes out of it, thoughtfully enough. He was a small, squarely built man, with a sharp, ruddy face like a frozen pippin, heavy gray eyebrows and a mouth like a trap when it was not pursed up for that everlasting flute. As he sat there with his wig off, the crown of his bald head was fringed with an obstinate looking patch of hair the color of a badger's. My amazement at finding him there at this hour, and alone, was lost in my hatred of the man as I saw the depths of complacent knowledge in his face. I felt that I must kill him sooner or later, and the sooner the better.

Presently he laid down his flute again and spoke:

"I scarcely expected you."

I grunted something in answer.

"But I might have known something was up if I'd only paid attention to my flute. It and I are not in harmony to night. It doesn't like the secrets I've been blowing into it; it has heard a lot of queer things in its time, but it's an innocent minded flute for all that, and I'm afraid what I've told it tonight is a point beyond what it's prepared to go."

"I take it it knows a d—d deal too much," growled I.

He looked at me sharply for an instant, rose, whistled a bar or two of "Like Hermit Poor," reached down a couple of clay pipes from the shelf, filled one for himself and gravely handed the other with the tobacco to me.

"Beyond what it is prepared to go," he echoed quietly, sinking back in his chair and puffing at the pipe. "It's a nice point that we have been discussing together, my flute and I, and I won't say but that I've got the worst of it. By the way, what do you mean to do now that you have a fresh start?"

Now I had not tasted tobacco for over four months and its effect now upon my wits was surprising. It seemed to oil my thoughts until they worked without a hitch, and I saw my plan of action marked out quite plainly before me.

"Do you want to know the first step of all?" I asked.

"To be sure; the first step at any rate determines the direction."

"Well, then," said I, very steadily, and staring into his face, "the first step of all is that I am going to kill you."

"H'm," said he, after a bit, and I declare that not so much as an eyelash of the man shook, "I thought as much. I guessed that when you came into the room. And what next."

"Time enough to think of 'what next'" I answered; for though I was set upon blowing his brains out, I longed for him to blaze out into a passion and warm up my blood for the job.

"Pardon me," he said as coolly as might be, "that would be the very worst time to think of it. For just consider; in the first place you will already be committed to your way of life, and secondly, if I know anything about you, you would be far too flurried for any thought worth the name."

There was a twinkle of humor in his eye as he said of this, and in the silence which followed I could hear him chuckling to himself, and, tasting the words over again as though they were good wine, I sat fingering my pistol and waiting for him to speak again. When he did so, it was with another dry chuckle and a long puff of tobacco smoke.

"As you say, I know a deal too much. Shall I tell you how much?"

"Yes, you may if you'll be quick about it."

"Very well, then, I will. Do you mind passing the bottle? Thank you. I probably know not only too much, but a deal more than you guess. First, let us take the case for the crown. The jeweler is traveling by coach at night over the moors. He has one position only, Roger Tallis by name, and by character shady. The jeweler has money (he was a niggardly fool to take only one postilion), and carries a diamond of great or rather of enormous and notable value (he was a bigger fool to take this). In the dark morning two horses came galloping back, frightened and streaming with sweat. A search party goes out, finds the coach upset by the Four Holed Cross, the jeweler lying beside it with a couple of pistol bullets in him, and the money, the diamond and Roger Tallis—nowhere. So much for the murdered man. Two or three days after, you, Gabriel Foot, by character also shady, and known to be a friend of Roger Tallis, are whispered to have a suspicious amount of money about you, also blood stains on your coat. It further leaks out that you were traveling on the moors afoot on the night in question, and that your pistols are soiled with powder. Case for the Crown closes. Have I stated it correctly?"

I nodded; he took a sip or two at his wine, laid down his pipe as if the tobacco spoiled the taste of it, took another sip, and continued:

"Case for the defense. That Roger Tallis has been found on you (or anywhere), and lastly that the bullets in the jeweler's body do not fit your pistols, but came from a larger pair. Not very much of a case, perhaps, but this last is a strong point."

"Well?" I asked, as he paused.

"Now, then, for the facts of the case. Would you oblige me casting a look over there in the corner."

"I see nothing but a pickaxe and shovel."

"Ha! Ha! very good; 'nothing but a pickaxe and shovel.' Well, to resume. Facts of the case. Roger Tallis murders the jeweler and you murder Roger Tallis; after that, as you say, 'nothing but a pickaxe and shovel.'"

And with this as I am a living sinner, the rosy-faced old boy took up his flute and blew a stave or two of "Come Lassies and Lads."

"Did you dig him up?" I muttered hoarsely; and, although deathly cold, I could feel a drop of sweat trickling down my forehead and into my eye.

"What, before the trial? My good sir, you have a fair, very fair aptitude for crime; but, believe me, you have much to learn both of legal etiquette and of a lawyer's conscience." And for the first time since I came in I saw something like indignation on that ruddy face.

"Now," he continued, "I either know too much or not enough. Obviously I know enough for you to wish, and perhaps wisely, to kill me. The question is, whether I know enough to make it worth your while to spare me. I think I do; but that is for you to decide. If I put you to-night, and in half an hour's time, in possession of property worth ten thousand pounds, will that content you?"

"Come, come," I said, "you need not try to fool me, nor think I am going to let you out of my sight."

"You misunderstand. I desire neither; I only wish a bargain. I am ready to pledge my word to make no attempt to escape before you are in possession of that property and to offer no resistance to your shooting me in case you fail to obtain it, provided, on the other hand, you pledge your word to spare my life should you succeed within half an hour. And, my dear sir, considering the relative value of my word and yours, I think it must be confessed you have the better of the bargain."

I thought for a moment. "Very well, then," said I, "so be it; but if you fail—"

"I know what happens," replied he.

With that he blew a note or two on his flute, took it to pieces and carefully bestowed it in the tails of his coat. I put away my pistol in mine.

"Do you mind shouldering that spade and pickaxe and following me?" he asked. I took them up in silence. He drained his glass and put on his hat.

"Now, I think we are ready. Stop a moment."

He reached across for the glass which I had emptied, took it up gingerly between thumb and forefinger and tossed it with a crash on to the hearthstone. He then did the same to my pipe, after first snapping the stem into halves. This done, he blew out the candle and with great gravity led the way down the staircase. I shouldered the tools and followed, while my heart hated him with a fiercer spite than ever.

We passed down the crazy stairs and through the kitchen. The candles were still burning there. As my companion glanced at the supper table, "H'm," he said, "not a bad beginning of a new leaf. My friend, I will allow you exactly twelve months to get hanged."

I made no answer, and we stepped out into the night. The moon was now up and the high road stretched like like a white ribbon into the gloom. The cold wind bore up a few heavy clouds from the Northwest, but for the most part we could see easily enough. We trudged side by side along the road in silence, except that I could hear my companion every now and then whistling softly to himself.

As we drew near to the Four Holed Cross and the scene of the murder I confess to an uneasy feeling and a desire to get past the place with all possible speed. But the lawyer stopped by the very spot where the coach was overturned and held up a finger as if to call attention. It was a favorite trick of his with the jury.

"This is where the jeweler lay. Some fifteen yards off there was another pool of blood. Now the jeweler must have dropped instantly, for he was shot through the heart. Yet no one doubted but that the other pool of blood was his. Fools!"

With this he turned off the road at right angles and began to strike rapidly across the moor. At first I thought he was trying to escape me, but he allowed me to catch him up rapidly enough, and then I knew the point for which he was making. I followed doggedly. Clouds began to gather over the moon's face and every now and then I stumbled heavily on the uneven ground, but he moved along nimbly enough and even cried "shoo!" in a sprightly voice when a startled plover flew up before his feet. Presently, after we had gone about 500 yards on the heath, the ground broke away in a little hollow, where a rough track led down to the lime kilns and the thinly wooded stream that washed the valley below. We followed this track for ten minutes or so, and presently the masonry of the disused kilns peered out, white in the moonlight, from between the trees.

There were three of these kilns standing close together beside the path, but my companion, without hesitation pulled up almost beneath the very arch of the first, peered about, examined the ground narrowly and then motioned to me.

"Dig here."

"If we both know well enough what is underneath, what is the use of digging?"

"I very much doubt if we do," said he. "You had better dig."

I can feel the chill creeping down my back as I write of it; but at the time, though I well knew the grizzly sight which I was to discover, I dug away steadily enough. The man who had discovered my secret set himself down on a dark bank of ferns at about ten paces distance and began to whistle softly, though I could see his fingers fumbling with his coat-tails, as though they itched to be at the flute again.

The moon's rays shone fitfully upon the white face of the kiln and lit up my work. The little stream rushed noisily below. And so, with this hateful watcher, I bared to the light of heaven the remains of the comrade whom, almost five months before, I had murdered and buried there. How I had then cursed my luck because forced to hide his corpse away before I could return and search for the diamond I had failed to find upon his body! But as I tossed the earth and lime aside, and discovered my handiwork, the moon's rays were suddenly caught and reflected from within the pit, and I fell forward with a short gasp of delight.

For there, kindled by her broad glory into countless shafts and points of color—violet, green, yellow and fiercest red—lay the missing diamond among the bones of the man who had committed murder to possess it, and had been murdered for its sake. As I clutched the glorious gem a black shadow fell between the moon and me. I looked up. My companion was standing over me with the twinkle still in his eye and the flute in his hand.

"You were a fool not to guess that he had swallowed it. I hope you are satisfied with the bargain. As we are not, I trust, likely to meet again in this world, I will here bid you adieu, though possibly that is scarcely the word to use. I owe you a debt tonight for having prevented me from committing a crime. You saw that I had the spade and pickaxe ready in the cottage. Well, I confess I lusted for that gem and I was arguing out the case with my flute when you came in."

"If," said I, "you wish to share—"

"Another word," he interrupted, very gravely, "and I shall be forced to think you insult me. As it is I am grateful to you for supporting my flute's advice at an opportune moment. I will now leave you. Two hours ago I was in a fair way of becoming a criminal. I owe it to you and to my flute that I am still merely a lawyer. Farewell."

With that he turned on his heel and was gone with a swinging stride up the path and across the moor. His figure stood out upon the sky line for moment and then vanished. But I could hear for some time the tootle-toodle of his flute in the distance, and it struck me that its note was unusually sprightly and clear.—*Press.*

Insurance Commission.

CIVIL SERVIC REFORM NOT REGARDED BY THE REPUBLICANS OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The term of Insurance Commissioner Foster will expire on the 1st of May and if an overwhelming preponderence of party sentiment shall prevail Colonel Grimeson will be appointed to succeed Commissioner Foster. Foster has held the position ever since it was created fifteen years ago; indeed it was created with the general understanding that he should fill it, although always and yet a moderate Democrat, and Governor Hartranft appointed him. Since then he has been reappointed from time to time by both Republican and Democratic Governors, but the movement for Colonel Grimeson has developed such proportions that Governor Beaver will find it difficult to disregard it.

Colonel Grimeson's graceful acceptance of defeat in the last contes for Auditor General was understood at the time to be an announcement of the purpose of himself and friends to make a claim for the Insurance Commissionership, and since then his lines have been well fortified. He is strongly supported by Senator Quay. Stone, Kirkpatrick and Hastings of the Cabinet look upon his application and a strong and positive pressure comes upon the Governor from almost every section of the State for Grimeson. General Cameron was the main pillar in support of Foster when he was first appointed and he and his son, the present Senator, have uniformly stood by Foster. Whether they will do so now in an aggressive manner has not yet developed. If they enter the fight in dead earnest they might save Foster again; but unless they throw themselves into the breach Colonel Grimeson will be appointed. It is admtted by all that he is specially fitted for the position, as his long public service in the revenue department of the general government gives him the pratical experience necessary to fill the Insurance Commissionership very creditably.

Danced With a Corpse.

From the Referee.

Burials alive are far more common in hot countries, where the burial takes place within twenty-four hours after death, than they are here, where one gets, as a rule, a week's grace. In Spain the body is frequently removed to the undertaker's shop a few hours after death. In one of the largest of these establishments in Madrid, some years ago, an extraordinary sight was witnessed. A gentleman was brought in his "casket" one afternoon, and placed in the room set apart for that branch of the business. The proprietor lived over his premises, and on this especial evening was giving a grand ball. When the ball was at its height, a gentleman in full evening dress suddenly joined the company. He danced with the wife of the undertaker, and he danced with the undertaker's daughter, and seemed to be thoroughly enjoying himself. The undertaker thought he knew his face, but didn't like to be rude and ask him his name; but by and by all the guests departed, and the strange gentleman was the only one left. "Shall I send for a cab for you?" said the host at last. "No, thank you," replied the gentleman; "I'm staying in the house!" exclaimed the undertaker; "who are you, sir!" "What, don't you know me!—I'm the corpse that was brought in this afternoon."

The undertaker, horrified, rushed to the mortuary room and found the coffin empty. His wife and daughter had been dancing with a corpse. An explanation, of course, followed. The gentleman who had only been in a trance, had suddenly recovered, and, hearing music and revelry above, and having a keen sense of humor, had got out of his coffin (the Spanish coffin closes with a lid, which is only locked just previous to interment) and joined the festive party. He was quite presentable, as in Spain the dead are generally buried in full evening dress.

A Gold Mine in a City.

The residents of Providence, R. I., are astonished at the fact that people are digging for gold right in the heart of their city. On the 15th of February last a large fire occurred in Providence and among the buildings destroyed was that of a large manufacturing firm. The mass of rubbish and earth that covered the site of the building has been carefully guarded ever since, and now the firm has begun to mine for its gold and silver after the old California method of sluice washing. An engine pumps water for the sluiceway from a pond a few hundred yards up the Woonasquatucket river. The sluiceway is about 100 feet long and is made up of boxes or sluices each about ten feet long. They empty into a basin which contains the quicksilver necessary for securing the washed gold and silver.

The earth and rubbish are thrown in at the head of the sluiceway and washed and sifted by each sluice until nothing but the finer particles float onward to the basin. The scene is almost as picturesque as some of Bret Harte's descriptions. This novel "claim" is expected to yield $7,000 or $8,000 worth of the precious metals.

Fourteen Husbands. All Living.

From the Pittsburg Dispatch.

McKean County's record breaker is a she, and her experince in the "silken bonds of matrimony" would fill a book as big as a dictionary. She lives in Smithport, the county seat of this county, and is known as Mrs. Ida Hoosted. Her chief attraction is her Juno like form. She is tall and magnificently proportioned, and looks as if the winds of thirty-eight Winters, more or less, might have toyed wite her abundant dark-brown tresses. When scarcely out of her short dresses she contracted her first marriage. She has been after men ever since, and is now living with husband No 14. The other thirteen husbands are all in the flesh, and all are on good terms with the marrying woman. She has been legally separated from all her alliances, and was married a few months ago to No. 14.

The Poison of Human Teeth.

The poision conveyed by human teeth is reported one of the most annoying that physicians have to deal with. One of them says: "I have under my attention severe and most complicated cases of blood poisoning, in which the patient had but slightly abraded the hand in the course of a fight by striking the knuckles against the teeth of his opponent. I have known hands thus poisoned only saved from amputation by the application of all the resources of science. Tobacco or whisky or derangement of the stomach from many other causes may be responsible for this poisonous conditions of the teeth."

The Columbian.

O. E. Elwell, J. K. Bittenbender., } Editors.

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 1888.

THE WASHINGTON SUNDAY *Herald* says: "The outlook for a Democratic Senate in 1889 is very promising. Of the hold over Senators, the Democrats and Republicans have each twenty-five. Of those already elected or to be elected, thirteen come from each party. The sure Democratic States (Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, West Virginia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, with Virginia) will give the Democrats, With the twenty-five hold-overs, exactly thirty-eight votes—one-half of the Senate. To have a majority they must elect another Senator from Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Oregon, or Rhode Island, or, if they elect a Vice President or carry New Jersey, they would have a clear majority.

An effort is being made by Philadelphia lawyers to get an interpretation of the liquor license law from the Supreme Court. On monday morning a petition was presented and Chief Justice Gordon permitted it to be filed.

The petition avers that an applicant named Raudenbusch has complied with every repuirement of the high license law, underwent a satisfactory examination at the bar of the court, that no evidence of any kind was offered against him at the hearing and that the Judge did not in any way suggest any ground upon which his application might be refused. The printed argument covers ten pages and opens with a criticism of the act of May 13, 1887.

It contends that the question to be decided is whether the act makes it mandatory upon License Court Judges to grant a license when a proper petition has been filed, and no remonstrance made, or whether it vests the judges with an absolute and despotic power over everything connected with the granting of license. Objection if made to the right of the judges to act upon information or knowledge within their own keeping, when such information has not been given under oath, or with any opportunity offered for cross-examination. It is urged that the construction put upon the act by the License Court Judges, however well intended, is not justified by legislation or authority, and results in destruction of property, infringement of liberty of action, and disorganization of society.

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

The republican state convention met in Harrisburg on Wednesday and nominated Judge Mitchell of the Philadelphia courts as a candidate for Supreme Judge. The present Chief Justice, Gordon, made a strong fight for renomination, but failed. There was a bitter fight for the state chairmanship between Senator Cooper and William H. Andrews, which promised to stir up no little dissension, but Senator Quay poured oil on the troubled waters and divided the honors through an arrangement by which Cooper will be chairman this year, and Andrews next year.

A FREAK OF POLITICS.

Last year Stephen F. Wilson, of Tioga county, was a very warm supporter of Judge Williams of the same county as a candidate for Supreme Judge. He spent considerable time in travelling from county to county in the interest of Judge Williams, and the latter was duly nominated by the republican party and elected to the Supreme bench. Mr. Wilson's motives at the time were not supposed to be wholly disinterested, and they were fully understood when the election of Judge Williams to the Supreme bench left a vacancy in the Judgeship of the Tioga district, and Gov. Beaver appointed Mr. Wilson to fill the vacancy. It was supposed the appointee would be continued on the bench for a full term, but at the primary elections held last week ex-Senator John I. Mitchell was also a candidate for the Judgeship, and the returns show that he defeated Judge Wilson by 942 majority. This is unkind, considering the active part which Judge Wilson took in creating the vacancy, but Judge Wilson has always been a politician, and as such he will readily understand the ingratitude of other politicians.

Democratic State Convention.

The Democratic State Convention of Pennsylvania will meet at Harrisburg on wednesday May 23rd. 1888. at 10 o'clock A. M. to nominate a candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court, two Electors at-large and one Elector from each Congressional District; to select four delegates-at-large and two delegates from each Congressional District to the Democratic National Convention to be held at St. Louis on the 5th day of June 1888; and to transact such other business as, according to the rules and usages of the party, may properly come before it.

The representation in the Convention will consist of representative delegates, one for each one thousand Democratic votes cast for Governor at the last Gubernatorial election, or for a fraction of one thousand votes amounting to five hundred or more, in the respective representative district, provided that each representative district shall have at least one delegate.

Philadelphia, Pa. April 21 1888.
BENJ. M. NEAD, ELLIOTT P. KISNER,
Sec. Chair. Dem. State Com.

Executions by Electricity.

Elbridge T. Gerry's Electrical Death Penalty bill has been passed in the New York Assembly by an overwhelming vote. Eighty-seven voted for it and eight only against it. The bill abolishes hanging as a penalty for murder in the first degree and punishes the convict for his crime by a system of electrical appliances, which provides an almost painless death.

Several plans for inflicting death by electricity have been devised, but the "death chair" is considered the most feasible. This chair is made of steel. Concealed in its arms are wires, which are to connect with a concealed dynamo. The condemned person sits in the chair, his feet resting on dampened ground. At a signal a button is touched, the electric current is turned on from the dynamo, the hands on the arm chair and the body of the condemned man complete the poles of the battery, and the victim is dead, the electricity passing through him into the ground.

WASHINGTON LETTER

From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, April 23, 1888.

Complaints against the present methods of doing business in the United States Patent Office are becoming loud and frequent. It is charged that the examiners in the office are extremely careless, some say criminal, in their examination of applications for patents; that they throw out many applications without examining them to discover whether they are patentable or not; that other applications are rejected which the examiner knows should be allowed.

These are serious charges against an important branch of the Government. I have thoroughly investigated the matter in order to discover what, if any, foundation there is for the charges and who is to blame. I soon discovered that the charges were all too true, or rather that many of them were. I also discovered that the parties who were responsible for this, I might almost say disgraceful, state of affairs, were the republican examiners who have been allowed to continue in office under the present Administration. And that is not all. I am firmly convinced that these hold-over republican examiners have conspired together to bring the office into bad repute, in order to help the republican party in the Presidential campaign this year.

In order to get some idea of the political effect of such a conspiracy among these republican examiners, just think for a moment of the great number of people who are either directly or indirectly interested in the business of this office. Suppose you notice for one day, everything you see, and you will find how many of them are patented or are the product of a patented machine or process. You will be surprised, for you will discover that about nine-tenths of all the things either manufactured or produced in this country are connected in some way with a United States patent.

After this discovery you will not be surprised to learn that this Government issues more patents every year than all the rest of the world combined. Now you can more readily understand the amount of damage that can be done the Administration by the conspirators. Every mam whose patent is disallowed without a good and sufficient reason therefor becomes a deadly enemy, not of the Examiner but of the democratic Administration, which he believes has mistreated him, and his idea of getting even is, nine times out of ten, to work like blazes for the republican party. This fellow is not alone, there are, so to speak, thousands of him, and the republican examiners of the Patent Office are to blame for all this trouble.

In no branch of the Government is the head of a Department so dependent on his subordinates as in the Patent Office. In 1885 President Cleveland appointed Mr. Montgomery, a Michigan lawyer, Commissioner of Patents. At the time that was considered an excellent appointment. But owing to lack of familiarity on the part of Mr. Montgomery with the extremely complicated practice of the office, his republican subordinates virtually ran it for him. The natural result was neglect and idleness on the part of the employes and complaints on the part of the representatives of the patentees of the country.

I am informed by a gentleman who is in a position to known whereof he speaks that there are quite a number of ex-examiners of the Patent Office now engaged in business here as patent attorneys, whose sole capital with which to begin business were long lists of the names and addresses of applicants for patents whose applications they had unjustly rejected for the sole purpose of afterwards getting a fee as an attorney for procuring the patent they had as an examiner of the United States Patent Office rejected These men are republicans.

In order to break up this practice, bills have been introduced in Congress several times to make Examiners of the Patent Office ineligible to act as patent attorneys for two years from the date of their resignations or dismissals from office. So far interested parties have in some way been able to prevent such bills from becoming laws.

Last year Mr. Montgomery was succeeded by ex-representative Hall, of Iowa, as Commissioner of Patents. Mr. Hall is an able and honest man, but like his predecessor, he too was unfamiliar with the workings of the Office, and the republican examiners succeeded in getting him to make a series of rulings which have produced much trouble and litigation. In the mean time the republican examiners are enjoying the situation and working hard for the success of their party next fall.

When Mr. Villas, with his vigorous business methods, succeeded Mr. Lamar as Secretary of the Interior, he at once noticed the loose way of business that was in vogue there, and issued an order prohibiting employes gossiping, smoking, writing private letters, etc., during office hours. This order created a big scare among the republican examiners and outwardly there was a sudden transformation in the office, but in reality they are devoting more of their time trying to bring discredit on Mr. Cleveland's administration, than to the work for which they are paid.

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Attention, Democrats:—

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The approaching Presidental Campaign makes it necessary for every true Democrat to be vigilant and energetic in his efforts to secure the success of the party, and the best interest and welfare of the American people.

Come then, fellow Democrats, and let us confer with each other. Every club in the State shall be strongly represented, and let the pass word be "Onward and upward to victory."

Delegates will be elected to represent the State League at the convention of the National League of Democratic Clubs, that will meet at Baltimore City, Md., on or about July 4th, next.

The State Convention will meet on May 23d, and delegates can be present on both occasions.

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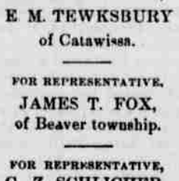

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MONDAY, MAY 7, 1888,

at 2 o'clock p. m., the following real estate, to-wit:

All those tracts, pieces or parcels of land situate in the township of Montour in the county of Columbia and state of Pennsylvania bounded and described as follows to-wit: The first beginning at a post on corner of land of Soloman Giger thence running south along other lands of Soloman Giger sixty-eight degrees, west one hundred and four perches to a pine oak thence north along land of M. Faust nine degrees, west eighty-three perches to a stone thence south along land of the same eighty-one degrees, west seventy-three perches to a stone, thence north along land of the same ten and a half degrees, west twenty-eight perches to a stone, thence north along other lands of the said Daniel Giger deceased eighty-one degrees East one hundred and seventeen perches to a stone, thence north along lands of the same seventy degrees, east forty-two perches to a stone thence south along lands of Solomon Giger fifteen and one half degrees, east one hundred and and one perches to a post the place of beginning containing sixty-four acres strict measure.

The second, beginning at a white oak tree and running thence along land of Daniel Giger's heirs, south eighty-one and three quarter degrees, west forty-nine and nine tenths perches to a stone thence north along land of John Giger's heirs, eight and three-quarter degrees, west sixty (and two-tenths perches to a stone, thence north along land of Elias Giger eighty-two degrees, east fifty-nine and nine-tenths perches to a stone, and thence south along land of Christain Heist eight degrees, east sixty perches to a white oak tree the place of beginning containing eighteen acres and one hundred and forty-nine perches, neat measure, excepting and reserving to Barbara Geiger her heirs and assigns from and out of the aforesaid lands all the iron ore and any and all other minerals lying and being in, upon and under the said premises together the right of free ingress, egress and regress in, upon and over the said premises with miners and other workman with horses, carts and wagons to mine dig and carry away the iron ore and other minerals in, upon and under the said premises and to make and use such roads as may be required for the removal of said ore or minerals, together also with the right to use and occupy as much ground as may be required for the depositing of dirt, slate and other refuse from the mines, the said Barbara Giger, holding herself, her heirs and assigns now and at all times hereafter free and clear from every and all liability for loss or damage to the said Elmer W. Runyan her heirs or assigns occasioned either directly or indirectly by reason of the opening of mines upon the said premises or the making and constructing of roads through the same.

Seized taken into execution in the suit of Stacy John's executors and Deborah Harrison's executor against E. W. Runyan and to be sold as the property of E. W. Runyan.

PUBLIC SALE
OF VALUABLE
PROPERTY.

There will be offered at public sale on the premises

TUESDAY, MAY 1, 1888,

at 1 o'clock p. m. The

Planing Mill, Dry-dock, Lumber-yard and Sheds

(The property of the late Daniel Brader deceased) located on the banks of the Penna. Canal, with excellent wharfage facilities and within ¼ mile of the D. L. & W. depot at Beach Haven Lig. co. Pa., a GOOD FERRY also connects this place with the country on the opposite side of the Susquehanna river.

The machindry consists of a large

PLANER, MOULDING AND MATCHING MACHINE, TURNING LATHE BRACKET AND CIRCULAR SAWS

All in running order, it has a

10-horse Power Water Wheel

under a 26 foot head. The mill is 36 x 45 feet with two large lumber sheds, one 19 x 94 feet. There being but one other planing mill and lumber yard within a radius of 7 miles and a good business in this line is as ured. There is also a brisk demand for dockage and repairs of canal boats, a good business can also be done in this line. The large and convenient dwelling house and premises thereto with good barn will be sold together with other property if desired by purchaser. Widow's dower will be left in the property or not as desired. A lot of farming and boat building tools, lumber, b-r iron, doors, sash, &c. will also be offered for sale. Terms of sale—not less than $200 down and the balance in easy payments if desired with 6 per cent. interest.

SARAH BRADER,
Executrix of Dan'l. Brader's Estate.
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" " " 1, 1900		780 00
" " " 1, 1901		290 00
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CR.		
By exonerations allowed	$ 68 50	
By cash paid B P Vannatta, treasurer	1735 93	
Balance due	154 05	
		$1978 48
M. C. WOODWARD, Collector for 1887.		
DR.		
To amount of duplicate		$2060 21
CR.		
By cash paid B P Vannatta treasurer	$ 700 57	
Balance due	2159 64	
		$2860 21
B. P. VANNATTA, Treasurer for 1887 in account with the Town of Bloomsburg.		
DR.		
To amount of tax roll for '87	$ 7626 50	
" " " rec'd from Wm Chrisman late treasurer being balance	8 33	
To amount rec'd from bonds negotiated issue of Oct 1-'87	5000 00	
To amount state tax collected on bonds	16 09	
To amount rec'd from B F Zarr late pres't for sewer permits	10 00	
To amount rec'd from B F Zarr late pres't for show licenses	5 00	
To amount received from P S Harman pres't for sewer permits	110 00	
To amount received from P S Harman pres't for show licenses and fines	58 25	
To amount rec'd from C W Miller for shoveling snow	25	
To amount rec'd from David Winner per M C Woodward on duplicate of 1885	911 50	
To amount rec'd from David Winner on duplicate of 1885 in full	96 70	
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B. P. Vannatta, Treasurer for 1887 in account with the Town of Bloomsburg.		
CR.		
By amt of duplicates of M C Woodward collector for 1887, being amt uncollected by treasurer on tax roll for 1887	$ 9059 51	
By amt of orders paid during the year	$ 11371 19	
By amt of coupons paid during the year viz:	260 94	
By amt of bonds paid during the year viz:		
Bond No 115	$140	
" " 70	100	
" " 71	200	
" " 99	160	
" " 72	200	800 00
By amt of treas commission on $7463 36 @ 1½ per cent		111 95
By amt of treas commission on $5 00 00 @ 1 per cent		50 00
Balance in hands of treas		58 19
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EXPENDITURES—HIGHWAYS.		
Wm Bidleman late com's for March 1887	$ 4 72	
Peter Billmeyer com's	247 39	
Sundry persons for labor	1253 15	
" " " teams for hauling	360 89	
Sundry persons for hauling lime stone spawls	1161 02	
J S Mensch weighing spawls	43 76	
C C Eck for 1887

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FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 1888.

CORRECT RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

BLOOMSBURG & SULLIVAN RAILROAD

STATIONS.	SOUTH. Arrive. P. M.	SOUTH. Arrive. A. M.	NORTH. Leave. A. M.	NORTH. Leave. P. M.
Bloomsburg,	1 55	9 00	8 45	6 40
Main Street	1 44	7 58	8 49	6 49
Irondale	1 41	7 50	9 00	6 45
Paper Mill	1 33	7 40	9 14	6 54
Lightstreet	1 28	7 35	9 32	6 58
Orangeville	1 13	7 23	9 40	7 10
Forks,	12 57	7 11	9 58	7 22
Tubbs	12 50	7 08	10 05	7 27
Stillwater	12 43	7 00	10 15	7 35
Benton,	12 30	6 50	10 30	7 45
	Leave. P. M.	Leave. A. M.	Arrive. A. M.	Arrive. P. M.

Trains on the P. & R. R. R. leave Rupert as follows:

NORTH.	SOUTH.
7:25 a. m.	11:00 a. m.
3:37 p. m.	6:04 p. m.

Trains on the D. L. & W. R. R. leave Bloomsburg as follows:

NORTH.	SOUTH.
7:12 a. m.	8:32 a. m.
11:07 a. m.	12:05 p. m.
2:24 p. m.	4:18 p. m.
6:36 p. m.	8:47 p. m.

Trains on the N. & W. B. Railway pass Bloom Ferry as follows:

NORTH.	SOUTH.
10:46 a. m.	11:49 a. m.
4:36 p. m.	4:39 p. m.
SUNDAY.	
NORTH.	SOUTH.
10:16 a m	6:39 p m

SALES.

MAY 4th—S. and Wm. Bogart will sell valuable personal property at the residence of S. Bogart at Rohrsburg, at 10 a. m.

FOR SALE—A desirable and commodious residence on Main street, supplied with water, gas and steam. Apply to
jan20tf. L. N. MOYER.

FOR SALE.—A Jersey cow and calf. The calf is past four weeks old Will be sold at a bargain. Mrs. B STOHNER,
Bloomsburg.

FOR SALE—Two good book cases, glass doors, pigeon holes, &c. Inquire of Mrs. L. J. Brockway, Rock St., Bloomsburg, or Geo. E. Elwell, Atty. *2t

GOOD BOARDING—Parties attending court will do well to call on the undersigned and secure boarding. WM. BERNS,
Cor. Main and West streets,
Bloomsburg, Pa.

Personal.

Mrs. C. W. McKelvy returned home last Saturday after an absence of several weeks.

Rev. Dr. Mitchell has received a call to the Presbytery church at Mt. Carmel.

Sheriff Smith has been sick for the past week. He is now able to be out again.

Miss S. Sloan returned from Philadelphia last week, where she spent two weeks with friends.

Miss Blanche Edgar left on Tuesday for Crawford, Neb., where she will make her home.

Judge and Mrs. Elwell returned home from the south on Monday. The Judge is much improved in health.

Dr. W. M. Reber recently had a surgical operation performed in New York, and has been confined to bed by reason thereof. He is rapidly improving.

Dr. J. R. Evans, who has been confined to the house for several months with a broken limb, is now able to walk out with the aid of crutches.

Arbor Day.

Movings are about over.

Snake stories are now in order.

Sunbury will celebrate the Fourth in great style this year.

Fresh Delaware shad every day at Jacoby's.

The barefoot boy will soon make his appearance.

The Active Base Ball Club, of Danville, reorganized for the season last week.

A handsome line of ceiling decorations for a pretty room, at Mercer's.

The public schools of this place will close May 8th for the summer vacation.

The Catawissa Shoe factory is now in running order.

The State Fish Hatcheries are supplying country streams and lakes with fish.

Owing to the backward spring, farmers are behind with their work.

G. A. McKelvy is setting up his soda fountain this week. It is a fine one.

It is rumored that there are to be two weddings in town next month.

Rohr McHenry received a carload of hogs from Buffalo on Tuesday.

G. A. Clark carries a first-class line of ceiling decorations.

E. Jacoby sold a Delaware shad on Tuesday that weighed one ounce less than seven pounds.

A "Madame Jarley's Wax Works" exhibition was given at Association Hall, Berwick, last Saturday evening.

A fine line of Wall Paper, Window Curtains and fixtures of all kinds and prices at G. A. Clark's.

Samuel Shaffer has improved his residence on Third street by the addition of a veranda.

David Winner's new meat market on Iron street has been put in good shape, and is as neat and clean as a new pin.

Hot coffee and lunch will be served at the rooms of the W. C. T. U. By order of Pres. ADA R. MILLER, Sec.

Call and see G. A. Clark's fine lot of cheap gilt wall papers, you can secure a bargain.

Attention is called to the advertisement of estate of Daniel Bradur. A rare opportunity to buy a first class planing mill and good water power.

We received a circular letter from Mr. Harry F. Sharpless, who is now located at Pueblo, Colorado, in the real estate business.

For wall paper at lowest prices go to Mercer's.

"Pat Muldoon's Comedy Company played at the Opera House Tuesday night to a half filled house. The show is of a very inferior grade.

The price of the Sunday New York *World* has been raised from 5 to 6 cents. It will hereafter be sold at that price by J. W. Moyer, agent for Sunday and Daily papers.

The W. C. T. U. gave a shad supper in their room on Market square last Saturday night, which was well attended. About sixty dollars was realized.

"Flight at Night and Travels by Light!" Harriette Jocelyn and Company at the Opera House Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, May 3d, 4th and 5th.

Work on the extension of the B. & S. above Benton will begin next week. It is all graded and in a short time the locomotive will whistle at the foot of the North Mountain.

An unusually large number of Masons were in town last week attending the regular quarterly meeting of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Free Masonry. The hotels were full to overflowing.

Thirty-five patients in the Danville Asylum were transfered recently to the asylum at Harrisburg they were all from Berks county and belong to the Harrisburg district.

Messrs. Baker & Bender have just had remodelled a handsome hearse for their undertaking business. They made their first appearance with it on Sunday at the funeral of Mrs. Solleder.

For walking and riding "Hench and Dromgold" wheel cultivators with double corn and phosphate planter attachments go to White, Conner & Sloan, Orangeville, Pa. apr27 6w

Mlle. Addie's Glass Blowers and Nevaro's Novelty, that were advertised to show in the Opera House during the whole of this week, cancelled their date the latter part of last week and did not put in an appearance.

An excursion train was run down from Orangeville on the B. & S road last Friday night to accommodate those wishing to attend the performance of "The World" at the Opera House. About fifty people from Orangeville and Lightstreet took advantage of the opportunity.

Twenty-five cents a day purchases a $3,000 policy in The Travelers, of Hartford, which is payable in event of death by accident, with $15 weekly indemnity for wholly disabling injury. J. H. Maize, agent, second floor COLUMBIAN building Bloomsburg. tf.

The home printer is your neighbor, he pays taxes regularly every year to support your country, he buys the goods you have to sell, and employs your labor, and it is right and proper that he should receive your patronage.

Messrs. Eshleman & Wolf are doing a fine business at their plumbing and tinsmithing establishment. They are now putting on iron-roofs for ten new buildings. This speaks well for the growth of the town as well as the good quality of work these men are doing.

Mrs. Albert Ammerman died at her home at Asbury Friday of last week, aged 81 years Funeral services were held Wednesday. She was the mother of six children, who grew to manhood and womanhood. Three daughters and one son, Dr. C. W. Ammerman now of Greenwood, Delaware, survive her.

A "Martha Washington Tea Party" was given at the residence of D. J. Waller, Thursday evening of last week for the benefit of the Presbyterian church. General and Martha Washington were personated and the waiters were all in colonial dress. There was a good attendance.

An order has been issued by the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company forbidding any of its employees from riding in the caboose, and compelling the brakeman to stay on the cars from one end of the line to the other. Heretofore they rode in the engine cab or caboose between stations.

The Rev. F. B. Riddle has received the most cordial and hearty welcome to Danville. The parsonage was crowded with friends. All, young and old, rich and poor, seem to vie with each other in saying to this devoted man; welcome to Danville, and but one prayer arises, that God's blessing rest upon his pastorate.—*Conference News.*

After an effort to move the houses at the corner of Market and Fourth streets, Mr. Robbins, the purchaser, has given up the job for the present. It requires an experienced man to move frame buildnings from one part of town to another without shattering them. The machinery used in this effort did not appear to be equal to the work.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bloomsburg State Normal School will be held at the office of F. P. Billmeyer Esq. in Bloomsburg, on Monday May 7, 1888 at 2 o'clock p. m. to elect four trustees on the part of the stockholders to serve for a term of three years, and select four persons from whom the Superintendent of Public Instruction will appoint two trustees on the part of the State.
3t F. P. BILLMEYER, Secy.

List of letters remaining in the Post Office at Bloomsburg for week ending April 24, 1888.

Dran Aluls, Mr. W. V. Andrews, J. M. Crawford, Mr. Albert Donley, Miss Annie Eveland, Mrs. White Hosler, Mr. Charley Hensel, Kate James, Fannie Kisner (2) Miss Mary C. Long, Mr. Condy Malloy, Mr. William Sellinger, Miss Mary Thompson, Mr. E. E. Yohe.

Persons calling for these letters will please say "advertised."
GEORGE A. CLARK, P. M.

The citizens of Catawissa are in good spirits, and well they may be. The firm of John Dunlap & Sons of Philadelphia made a proposition that if $25,000 would be subscribed they would move their carpet factory to Catawissa. Public meetings have been held and nearly the entire amount has been subscribed. The building will be 100 feet wide and 500 feet long. The company guarantees to pay out $1,000,000 in wages in ten years. The company expects to have 100 looms in operation by December 1st employing about 225 workmen.

J. Z. Little and company presented "The World" at the Opera House last Friday evening to a large and enthusiastic audience. The play is handsomely mounted, the company carrying a carload of its own scenery, and some of the scenes are very realistic, especially the sinking ship and raft scene, which were among the finest scenes ever presented upon the stage of the Opera House. Mr. Little was excellent in the leading role and the support was in the main good. The audience was well pleased with the performance, as was evinced by the continual bursts of applause.

A larger selection of wall paper than ever before, at Mercer's.

The time for the Benton fair has been fixed during the week immediately preceding the Bloom fair, next fall

The Towanda *Reporter-Journal* has taken a census of that town and offered a prize of five dollars to the person making the closest guess to the population.

The Bloomsburg & Sullivan telegraph line was completed to Benton on Tuesday. It will be in complete running order by May 1.

A large number of people from up the creek were in town last Saturday. The evening train up on the B. & S road was crowded to overflowing.

Economy, comfort and satisfaction goes with every purchase made of clothing at Lowenberg's Clothing Store.

An exchange says: "Go for every fellow who is caught fishing illegally. Give all such the full benefit of the law There is no use of spending thousands of dollars for the purpose of stocking streams, only to feed a lot of fish pirates."

It is said that there will be more circuses on the road this season than ever before, and many of them are now starting out on their travels. Forepaugh, one of the wealthiest show owners in America with headquarters in Philadelphia opened in that city last week.

Judge Archbald who will preside at May term of court requests us to announce that after all cases in the Quarter Sessions have been disposed of in the first week, the argument list will be taken up and heard and if the full week is not occupied any cases on the civil list that may be ready will be tried.

Great improvements have been made at I. W. McKelvy's store In the dry goods department all the shelving has been rebuilt, the partition between the coat room and store room has been removed, a skylight has been put in, and the interior papered and painted. The store house has been painted, and also the exterior of the store building. All this makes a great change for the better in the establishment, both in the appearance and in the additional room.

The second and concluding paper on "The Belles of Old Philadelphia," by Charlotte Adams, which will appear in *The American Magazine* for May, contains some charming descriptions of the grace and beauty that existed in that favored city about the time of the Revolution. The article will be copiously illustrated, and will be especially valuable as a collection of the different styles of early American portraiture.

For window curtains, dado and plain either on or off rollers at lowest prices go ot Mercer's.

The Milton *Economist* of last week says: A strange coincidence presented itself in Keiser's Buckhorn barber shop a few days ago. There were five men sitting in the shop waiting for the magic word next! and it was noticed that the five men could muster only five thumbs, each man having lost one of those useful appendages. To complete the anomaly it was further noticed that it was the left hand of each man that was thumbless. The men are railroaders—four employed on the P. & R. and one on the Beech Creek. It is not often that such a collection of one-thumbed men is seen.

A Wilkesbarre dispatch says: Two corps of engineers Thursday, begun the survey for a new line of railroad to run from this city to Harvey's Lake, and thence over the south side of North Mountain to Williamsport. The ronte proposed is from this city on the Lehigh Valley and Delaware and Hudson lines to Plymouth Junction crossing the river on the Delaware and Hudson bridge. From Plymouth Junction the line will go up the valley along the mountain side behind Kingston and Luzerne borough, and through the ice cave gorge to Lehman and thence up the outlet creek to Harvey's Lake, and thence straight across the North Mountain through Phillips' Notch to Williamsport. The construction of the road is to be started this summer.

Wonderful bargains in spring and summer goods can now be had at the popular store of Lowenberg's estate.

Harriette Jocelyn, supported by a first class company will give an entertainment, said to be interesting and beautiful, entitled, "Flight at Night and Travels by Light" at the Opera House, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, May 3d, 4th and 5th. The company consists of the following people:

Harriette Jocelyn, Dramatic Reader; Chas Alonzo, Assistant; Carl Herrmann, Pianist; Fred Waldman, Cornet Soloist; J. W. Hartman, Clarionet Soloist; W. W. Farrington, Flute and Picolo Soloist; Henry Donoldson, Violin Soloist. Change of programme nightly. During the evening 142 scenes from all parts of the World will be presented upon a canvas 40 feet square by means of powerful glass. The troupe is said to have played 100 nights in New York, 84 in Philadelphia and 150 nights in Chicago. Don't miss it.

Dates of County Fairs.

At a recent meeting of the Central Pennsylvania Trotting Circuit, Berwick and Shenandoah were admitted after which the association was declared closed against all other fair associations. The next meeting will be held at the Neff House, Sunbury, on Monday, April 30th, at 2 o'clock p. m. The dates for the different associations included in the circuit, so far as fixed, are as follows: Milton, September 5, 6, 7, 8; Danville, September 12, 13, 14, 15; Berwick, September 19, 20, 21, 22; Lewisburg, September 26, 27, 28, 29; Ashland, October 3, 4, 5, 6; Bloomsburg, October 10, 11, 12, 13; Shenandoah, no date fixed yet.

Death of Mrs. A. Solleder.

Mrs Andrew Solleder died at her home in Bloomsburg, Thursday evening April 19th. She was in the physicians care for almost a year and a half, being afflicted with dropsy and heart trouble. Gradually she grew weaker and while everything was done to arrest the disease, it seemed to have so fastened upon the system that medicine only partially relieved while the disease was overpowering her. Mrs. Solleder was married in Lewistown, Mifflin county, Pa., in 1846 and with her husband and eldest son came to Bloomsburg in 1852. Her maiden name was Martha Gerste. She was born in Konigefeld, Hesse-Castle, Germany, May 17th 1824 and was 63 years, 11 months and 2 days old. At the age of 17 or about 1841, she came to America and located at Lewistown. Early in life she united with the German Reformed church, being confirmed in Germany, and was a faithful member of that church. Funeral services were held at the house Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. S. Wagner, pastor of Reformed church. Interment in Rosemont cemetery. She leaves a husband, two sons and a daughter to mourn her loss. Mr. Solleder's many friends sympathize with him in his sad affliction.

Buy Lester's School Shoes. Every pair warranted.

Bishop Howe to Leave Reading.

Bishop Howe, of the Central Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, who has resided in Reading for a number of years, has sold his elegant mansion on Centre avenue, known as "The Gables," one of the handsomest in Reading, to Aaron Wilhelm, a well-known paint manufacturer. Bishop Howe is now nearly four score years and there is much speculation as to his future residence. He has lived in Reading many years and has endeared himself to thousands. His future intentions are not well known, but it is probable that he will shortly leave for an extended stay at Bristol, R. I., the home of his youth, where he will reside at the close of the summer season is not yet known.

Spring styles in Hats, Dunlap, Youman, Pocket. Hats in all the new shades just received at Lowenberg's.

Lightstreet.

Rev. Thos. Pritchard is spending a few days with his father at this place.

J. M. Hulshizer and R. W. Ent are visiting at New York and New Jersey for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Strauser of Shamokin buried another child on Tuesday at this place.

Jos. Patten died at the residence of Jacob Terwilliger on Tuesday the 17th day of April aged 91 years and 7 days, for a man of his years he was able to read without glasses and his mind was clear up to a few minutes before he died.

Mrs Emma Leiser was in town on Saturday last. We learn that she expects to occupy the old home during the summer.

Lloyd Sterling is very happy by the arrival of a visitor at their house on Friday night, it came however to stay. Its a girl.

Leap Year Party.

Every fourth year it is the privilege of the ladies to assume some of the prerogatives of the opposite sex. Tradition accords to them the right to take their gentlemen friends to entertainments and parties, and even to pop the question, if they are so inclined. We do not know of a case where this latter privilege has been exercised, though of course it may have been done. Taking advantage of the leap year custom a number of the young ladies of Bloomsburg last week organized a party at Winona hall on Friday night. The arrangements were in the hands of a committee, and everything was done up in complete order. Music was engaged from Wilkesbarre, consisting of two violins and a harp, the gentlemen were called for by the ladies in carriages, and refreshments were served at Mrs. Webb's. Neat dance programmes were provided, and every detail was carefully arranged. The party was a great success, and all present enjoyed themselves greatly. About twenty-five couples participated.

The Silk Mill.

The proposals for the erection of the main building of the silk mill were opened last Thursday afternoon and were as follows: David Henry, N. J., $18,977; M. B. Houpt, Wilkesbarre, Pa., $18,900; Otto Shultz, West Hoboken, N. J., $18,500; Wilson J. Smith, Wilkesbarre, $16,400; Geo. W. Keeper, Sunbury, $16,965; Thomas Gorrey, Bloomsburg, $16,847; Charles Krug, Bloomsburg, $16,490; Daniel Hunsinger, Allentown, $16,375. The contract was awarded to Mr. Daniel Hunsinger.

The operators wished to get into the building by July 1st but that is an impossibility for so large a building and the present scarcity of brick. The building must be completed by September 1st. It will be 43 feet wide and 150 feet long, three stories high and built of brick. Underneath the cellar walls must be 18 inches of concrete, and the floors will be of 3 inch plank. The first floor will be made especially heavy so that there will be no possible rocking of the machinery. The building will be located north of the woolen mill and will embrace all the ground between the woolen mill and Dr. Shattuck's Sanatorium and between the railroad and Sixth street. The land adjacent to Dr Shattuck's will be reserved as sites upon which the operators expect to put up some fine residences for themselves.

A fact—we have the largest line of wall paper in Columbia county, at popular prices. J. H. Mercer.

CONVOCATION OF WILLIAMSPORT.

By the canons of the Protestant Episcopal church the diocese of Pennsylvania is divided into four districts, called convocations. The Convocation of Williamsport consists of the counties of Lycoming, Clinton, Centre, Tioga, Potter, Northumberland, Montour, Columbia, Union and Snyder. The clergymen resident in the district who are entitled to seats and votes in the Diocesan Convention, together with one lay delegate from each parish, elected by the vestry, constitute the Convocation. The Convocation meets three times a year, and one of its prominent objects is the promotion and extension of diocesan missions. The Convocation has the care and supervision of the mission work in its district, subject to the control of the Board of Missions. The Dean or President of the Convocation is appointed by the Bishop with the concurrence of the Convocation. The Dean has special oversight of the missions in his district, under the direction of the Bishop, and it is his duty to visit the missionary stations at least once a year and report their condition, needs and prospects to the Bishop.

The Convocation of Williamsport opened its session at St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg, last Monday evening. The following clergymen were present: Rev. W. H. Graff, Rev. Geo. C. Foley, of Williamsport, Rev. D. L. Fleming of Muncy, Rev. W. F. Watkins Jr. of Shamokin, Rev. Chas. Morison of Sunbury, Rev. Mr. Maxwell of Danville, Rev. Mr. Kelley, general missionary.

The sermon was preached by Rev. W. H. Graff.

A business meeting was held in the church at 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning. At 10:30 there was a sermon by Rev. Chas. Morison, and the Lord's Supper was administered. At 3 p. m. another business session occupied the attention of the convocation, and at 7:30 after evening service, Rev. Mr. Kelly delivered an address, his topic being "The place and influence of men in parish work." H. Black Esq. discussed "The Church's relation to social questions," and Rev. D. L. Fleming spoke on "The Church's relation to christian unity." A goodly congregation listened to these very interesting addresses.

On Wednesday, St. Mark's Day, at 10:30 a. m. the Holy Communion was celebrated, and a sermon by Rev. W. F. Watkins Jr. The business meeting of the afternoon was omitted.

At 5 o'clock the visiting clergy and the members of the vestry gathered at the Rectory by invitation of the rector, and partook of a delicious supper prepared by ladies of the congregation. At 7:30 Rev. W. H. Graff conducted a model Sunday School lesson, and addresses on Sunday School topics were delivered by several of the clergy. The Convocation then adjourned.

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Council Proceedings.

Thursday, April 19, 1888.

Council met at usual place pursuant to adjournment. All present. Dr. L. A. Shattuck for himself and his attorney, G. E. Elwell, and L. S. Winterstein attorney for Henry A. Manning, appeared and objected to opening Lackawanna Avenue (commonly called Sixth street) to the width of fifty feet, as that width would much interfere with improvements claimed to be on the premises conveyed by said Shattuck to Manning. D. J. Waller appeared and held that the improvrments reached by the said street are an intrusion upon the street seventy feet wide designed by him in 1870 and shown on town map by dotted lines. After some deliberation it was on motion agreed that the further consideration of the extension of Lackawanna avenue be postponed until the next evening at 7 o'clock, Mr. Winterstein also appeared for E. B. Brower and asked that Penn street be opened from a point opposite Brower's property to the north end of said street as laid out by the town map, as that Rose and Red Shell alleys be also opened. Council adjourned to meet Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20.

Council met according to adjournment. Present P. S. Harman, president, and members Cadow, Ringler, Hassert, Wolf and Wells. L. E. Waller Esq. appeared and delivered a deed for the right of way from D. J. Waller and wife for the opening and extending of West street and Lackawanna avenue, on condition that in addition to the consideration in said deed mentioned, the town shall remove the present fence along the east side of West street, from Fifth street to Lackawanna avenue, to the correct east line of said West street and further that the said D. J. Waller shall not be required to pave the north side of Lackawanna avenue, from Market street to West street within two years. On motion the deed and the conditions stated, were received and accepted, and it was ordered that the deed be recorded in the office for recording of deeds, etc. On motion Ordinance No. 37 to open West street from 5th street to the Bloomsburg and Sullivan R. R. was passed unanimously. On motion Ordinance No. 38 was passed unanimously, the same being entitled an ordinance to open Lackawanna avenue from Market street westward to West street. On motion the following resolutions were duly passed: Resolved that the grade of West street from Fifth street to the Bloomsburg and Sullivan R. R. shall be as follows: Beginning on the south side of Fifth street at an elevation of 8.390 feet above the track of said railroad at the foot of said street, thence a minus grade of 1.621 feet per 100 feet for a distance of 395 feet, thence level across Lackawanna avenue for a distance of fifty feet, thence a plus grade of .5 feet per 100 feet for a distance of 275 feet, and thence a minus grade of 3.2 feet per 100 feet to said Bloomsburg and Sullivan Railroad. And that the grade at Lackawanna avenue from Market to West street shall be as follows: Beginning at the grade of Market street, thence a minus grade of .9 feet per 100 feet for a distance of 470 feet to the west side of Jefferson street produced, and thence a minus grade of 1.571 feet per 100 feet for a distance of 401 feet to the grade of West street as fixed by this resolution. On motion council adjourned.

Orangeville.

Improvements still loom up in town. More new dwellings are heard of this spring, old ones are being remodeled and beautified.

It is now reported that the W. & W. R. R. will commence the extension of the road to Shickshinny soon. Success to the enterprise.

The new drug store in Harmon's block, is in a flourishing condition, Dr. L. B. Avery a graduate in pharmacy is the proprietor, and a gentleman. Just what we need in town, a good drug store.

There seems to be quite a disease among the horses of this locality, what it is, is not reported.

The shoe factory seems to be in a flourishing condition. Large shipments of goods and large checks in receipt therefor are the encouraging features.

The old Montgomery property is now undergoing repairs. The alteration will improve the property. It is now owned by Mrs. Hervey Smith of Bloomsburg.

The king merchant of the town Mr. A. B. Stewart, seems to be doing quite a rushing business His store windows make a nice display.

The Bloomsburg & Sullivan Railroad is doing quite a good business for a new road. Mr. W. E. Johnson is the right man in the right place, an energetic business man, accomodating and gentlemanly.

The busy season for farmers is upon us, sowing oats, planting potatoes and corn will soon be the order of the day for farmers. Good crops are secured by being on time.

A large funeral procession passed through this place on Thursday on its way to Rohrsburg burial ground, with the remains of a very old resident of this county, Mr. Joseph Patten who was a little over 91 years of age. He had many friends. The funeral was conducted by the popular undertaker, James B. Hannon of this place.

Death of Hon. W. L. Dewart.

Hon. William Lewis Dewart died at his home in Sunbury at 1.35 a. m. Thursday of last week. Though he had been in ill health for some time, his death was unexpected. He complained of feeling badly late on the previous evening, and continued to grow worse, until his death took place at the time named, with his family surrounding him. The cause of his death was disorder of the heart. The funeral took place from his residence Monday afternoon. Mr. Dewart was born in the house in which he died, on the 21st day of June, 1820. He was a student at Kirkbride's Academy in Milton, at the age of twelve and subsequently graduated at Dickinson College. He then entered Princeton and graduated in the class of 1842. Returning from college, he began the study of law with the late Charles Donnel, afterwards President Judge of that district, and was admitted to practice in 1845, and associated himself with the late Charles J. Bruner, Esq. Mr. Dewart's inclinations, however, tended towards politics and he was soon recognized as a leader. He was elected to Congress in 1856, by a large majority, and served with distinction in the thirty-fifth Congress. He was renominated two years later, but was defeated by the independent candidacy of a Schuylkill county Democrat. This was the last time he was a candidate before the people notwithstanding he was named by his county for the same position in 1860, 1866, 1872 and 1876. He was active in the Pierce-Scott campaign in 1852, and was one of Buchanan's enthusiastic friends and supporters at Cincinnati in 1856, and at the election which followed. Mr. Dewart had the honor of representing his district in four national conventions, and for thirty years was a prominent figure in the councils of the party. Personally Mr. Dewart was one of the most pleasant and congenial of men, and the universal expressions of regret over his death show to what degree he possessed the respect and esteem of those who knew him.

It is a Curious Fact

That the body is now more susceptible to benefit from medicine than at any other season. Hence the importance of taking Hood's Sarsaparilla now, when it will do you the most good. It is really wonderful for purifying and enriching the blood, creating an appetite, and giving a healthy tone to the whole system. Be sure to get Hood's Sarsaparilla, which is peculiar to itself.

DIED.

WERTS—Bloomsburg, Pa., April 17, 1888, Mrs. Esther Werts, aged 58 years, 7 months, 28 days.

WANAMAKER'S.

PHILADELPHIA, MONDAY, April 23, 1888.

Every one of our many Dress Goods counters holds reduced goods and special bargains. And each lot contains a large variety of colors, and in the fancy styles a selection, both in color and pattern. It may profit you to pick among them.

London Worsted Suiting in stripes, plaids, shepherd's plaids, and checks, the finest imported gems of fine spinning, perfect weaving, and artistic designs. Sixty styles, from delicate lightest to darkest staple. Have sold quickly at $2.50; reduced to $1.50. 54 inches.

English Worsted Suiting in stripes, plaids, and checks; very desirable, and only a single grade below the above. Have had large sales at $2; now reduced to $1.25. 54 inches.

French Camel's-hair Diagonal. Eight plain colors. Perfect in weave as only Roubaix workmen can make them. 42 inches. Were $1; now 75c.

German Silk-and-wool Crêpe Cloths. Twenty mixed shades. Very bright, very strong, and remarkably desirable. 42 inches. Reduced from $1.25 to $1.

French All-wool Armure, with self-colored plaids, nine colors. 40 inches. Down from 85 cents to 60.

French Prunella Cloth, all-wool self-color checks, eight shades. 40 inches. Reduced to 50 cents, from 75.

French Ottoman Cloth, all-wool, eight shades. 40 inches. Reduced from 75 cents to 50.

French Diagonals, all-wool, various twills, ten colorings. 40 inches. Down from 75 cents to 50.

All-wool Habit Cloths, a very great variety, nineteen colors, including all the newest and most desirable shades. 50 inches. They were $1, but are 75 cents.

American Wool Suiting in sixteen very stylish checks and overplaids; gray, brown, and ecru grounds with cardinal, blue, orange, self-color. Desirable at 45 cents, but reduced to 31.

Scotch Zephyr Ginghams. Thirty elegant novelties in plaids and stripes. The public have been eloquent over the colors and patterns, and thought them cheap at 50 cents; they go at 37½ cents.

Imported Pin-head checks in the liked light shades, tans, steel, browns, and blues, with stripes on same ground to combine. An unusually choice line of stuffs for Spring and Summer wear. 40 inches. 75c, from 85.

All-wool Plaids. A variety of weaves—biege, cheviot, cashmere, serge—more than 40 styles and colorings. They have been quick sellers at $1; now 75c.

All-wool Block Plaids, crescent design in corners. Fine quality, good weight, handsome combination of colors. Sold readily at $1.25; price now $1.

A glance at a few Black goods—at one corner of them. The down prices are not because of bad quality or poor colors. Every piece is bright, fresh, new, clean.

Black Striped Armures. Four patterns, 1-16 to ¼ inch effects; solid, substantial, good weight stuff. Reduced from 60 to 40c.

Black Armures, plaids and stripes. A variety of neat designs; every one has been a quick seller, but the price goes from 65 to 50c.

Black Sebastopol. Very like the old-time cut Cashmere. Close, cord-like surface. Not a draggy sort among them at 65c; the new price is 50c just the same.

Black Serge, stripes and checks. A choice lot, right in the thread, right in the weave; handsome patterns. Down from 85c to 75.

Black Armures, with Mohair checks and figures. Neat and stylish. A soft, beautiful material that has been in high favor. 75c, from $1.

Black Foulé Serge. Softly fuzzy surface, but with body for business. 65c, from 85.

Black Camel's-hair Serge. Good weight, good wool. Moderate spainkling of the hanging hairs. 75c, from $1.

Black Satin Merveilleux Ottoman order, but satin finish. 40 inches. Down from 75c to 60.

Fine Serge Robes, with garniture of silk braid in novel designs. In tan and ecru shades.

WANAMAKER'S.

$8. Just half the original price. Albatross Robes in plaids, light blues, salmons, nile, tans, golden brown, gobelin blue. Vasious styles of embroidery. $7; much less than the plain material is worth.

JOHN WANAMAKER.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Ready mixed paints, beautiful colors, $1.00 a gallon, at Schuyler's Hardware Store. 2t.

M. Kelly

BLOOMSBURG.

Fine Cabinet portraits only $3. doz. Life size Crayons only $10.00. Viewing, copying and enlarging. Instant process used. tf.

Look at the large display of corsets in in our window. Also misses and children waists at H. W. SLOAN'S.

An immense assortment of green vegetables at the Great Eastern market this morning. Onions, radishes, kale, spinach, tomatoes, lettuce, &c.

Over the way from I. W. Hartman & Sons' is a lunch and coffee counter, people coming by rail or others can be refreshed cheap.

A large and fine lot of ladies clothes in spring shades, plain and checked, very low in price at H. W. SLOAN'S.

30 boxes of those high grade Valinca and Tundora raisins arrived for the Great Eastern this morning price 10 and 12½c.

Have you been to I. W. Hartman & Sons' lately? Go to-day, go to-morrow, go Saturday.

More ginghams and seersuckers very pretty in design and color at
H. W. SLOAN'S

5 barrels and 3 bags of Rio and Java coffee fresh roasted at the Great Eastern price 25, 28 and 30c, guaranteed to be the finest grades in the market. Old Government Java pure and fresh roasted at 35c lb.

An endless variety of stockings for all. Children's double knee hose also on hand at H. W. SLOAN'S.

People come from all over the county to buy nice and cheap dishes of I. W. Hartman & Sons'.

Oranges Valencias, Indian Rivers, Musinas and Buds at all prices. Bananas at from 12c to 25c a doz at the Great Eastern.

Striped and plaid Jersey flannels reduced from 50c to 25c yd. at I. W. Hartman & Sons'.

The Great Eastern never advertises what they haven't got. Visit their beautiful store and be convinced. They keep two horses busy all the time hauling goods from the depot and delivering all over the city and as far as Berwick, Benton, Catawissa and Danville.

Electric Bells, Batteries, Wire, push Buttons etc. at Schuyler's Hardware Store. 2t

When we invite persons to write for samples of dress goods, we wish them to particularize the kind and colors. Can't think of sending a sample of all kinds, it would fill a dry goods box to do so. I. W. Hartman & Sons'.

Dr. Honora A. Robbins treats diseases of the eye and ear, and is prepared to test eyes for glasses. Mar.30-3m.

J. H. Stecker has a nice lot of bananas, which will be sold cheap. Oranges, bananas and lemons always on hand, which are sold cheap.

Children's colored and black Jerseys 50 and 60c at I. W. Hartman & Sons'.

All kinds of fancy Colored Glass, Embossed and Enameled at Schuyler's Hardware Store. 2t.

I. W. Hartman & Sons' present repairs are over. The grocery window is again full of beautiful dishes and glassware. No place in the county can the same be found

BUSINESS NOTICES.

THE HANDSOMEST LADY IN BLOOMSBURG remarked to a friend the other day that she knew Kemp's Balsam for the throat and lungs was a superior remedy, as it stopped her cough instantly when others had no effect whatever. So to prove this and to convince you of its merit, any druggist will give you a sample bottle free. Large size, 50c. and $1.

THE POPULATION OF BLOOMSBURG is about 5,000, and we would say at least one-half are troubled with some affection of the throat and lungs as those complaints are, according to statistics, more numerous than others. We would advise all not to neglect the opportunity to call on their druggist and get a bottle of Kemp's Balsam for the throat and lungs. Price 50c, and $1. Trial size free. Sold by all druggists.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria,
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria,
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S CROWN.

The crown of Queen Victoria consists of diamonds, pearls, rubies, sapphires and emeralds, set in silver and gold. Its gross weight is 39 oz. 5 dwt troy. The number of diamonds are 3,352; pearls, 273; rubies, 9; sapphires, 17; emeralds, 11. It is an old saying—Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown. It is better to wear the crown of perfect health and peace of mind through the curative effects of Perrine's Pure Barley Malt Whiskey. For sale by C. B. Robbins, Bloomsburg, Pa.

WIDOWS' APPRAISEMENTS.

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Parrel, Ira C. Est., Pine, personalty $22.35, realty $277.65, $300.00.
Harman, N. D., Est., Catawissa, personalty $57.33, realty $242.67, $300.00.
Wellver, N. Est., Madison, personalty $44.55.
Stricker, George Est., Catawissa, personalty $300.
Colley Robert L. Est., Bloomsburg, personalty $500.00.
Girton Mathias Est, Hemlock, personalty $260.23.
Erwin, William Est., Locust personalty $300.00.
Yost, Henry C. Est., Montour, personalty $300.00.
Lauderbach William Est., Fishingcreek, personalty $179.85.
Jarrard William Est., Berwick, personalty $293.46.
WM. B. SNYDER,
Clerk O. C.
Clerk's Office, Bloomsburg, Pa., April 16, A. D. 1888.

REGISTER'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to all legatees, creditors and other persons interested in the estates of the respective decedents and minors that the following administrators executors and guardian accounts have been filed in the

The Queen of the Coast.

THE OLD FASCINATION AND THE NEW ATTRACTIONS OFFERED BY CAPE MAY.

[From Phila. Daily Times, April 14th, 1888.]

There is a perennial youthfulness about old Cape May which is continually taking shape in some new enterprise designed to add additional attractiveness to the famous resort. In the days of old, when the fame of Cape May stood out boldly against all the world as the pleasure resort of the American people, popular demand was not so exacting. The wide-reaching beach, the grand surf, good hotels, and fine company gave abundant pleasure to the hosts of visitors who journeyed thither by boat or stage or cumbrous family coach. They demanded no meretricious features to heighten the natural loveliness of ocean and sky or to add to the fascination of atmosphere. It was enough if they lived well and reveled in the beauty that surrounded them.

Later on the world seemed to revolve more rapidly, the visiting hosts were whirled over the Jersey sands in hours instead of days. They found the same old Cape May which their fathers and grandfathers had known, but the tastes of the children had changed. They lived more in a day than their ancestors did in a week. They longed for newness and freshness, and pined for excitement. Great hotels were built to conform to their notions. Society held a summer court on the sands; glittering equipages rolled along on the glistening beach; festivals of music and song mingled their harmony with never-ceasing music of the waves; a great pier was projected out into the deep, where mirth and festivity chased away care. It was a new Cape May evolved from the substance of the old.

The charming characteristics of the old queen remained intact. She was only dressed in the costume of a modern day. Year by year the old queen has appeared to renew her youth and in the same proportion has she grown in popular favor. Thousands of rivals have sprung into being and developed into prominence, but Cape May, like the brook, goes on forever, holding the old friends and gaining new ones.

A striking fact in this connection is that everyone who visits Cape May always returns. It may be for a day or two days, yet they go back. There is a singular charm in sea and air and surf, which tempts the one-time visitor to renew acquaintance with the pleasureful surroundings.

The prospects for the coming season are bright. There is more activity in real estate than ever known before, and the demand for cottages and accommodations foreshadow that not only are a large number of old admirers returning to their first love, but hosts of new suitors are joining the procession. The moneyed men, who have proven their faith by large investments of capital in various Cape May enterprises, are contributing liberally to the new features which this season will see inaugurated. They recognize the fact that in order to hold her high place amid the keen rivalry of her neighbors, Cape May must offer other attractions than those which nature has so generously lavished upon her.

Last summer, after hasty organization and rapid preparation, the grounds of the Cape May Athletic Club were opened. The success of the undertaking was conspicuous. Its organizers and patrons embraced all the prominent residents and property-owners, and the spectators of the sports included everybody. This season the handsome grounds will be improved and a series of athletic exhibitions and sports of every character extending through the summer will be arranged. The club is a regularly-accredited member of the Amateur Athletic Association, and its membership in this band gives it many privileges and advantages that it would not otherwise enjoy. The lovers of good sport will undoubtedly witness some fine exhibitions on these grounds. The glittering gem of this year's acquired attractions is the race track. A very eligible piece of ground just outside the city limits on the turnpike leading to the Point has been purchased by the Cape May Driving Park Association. A mile and a half-mile track have been laid out and built, and work on the grand stand, club house, and stables is to be commenced at an early day and pushed forward to completion against the opening of the season. The grand stand will accommodate 5000 people and the stable is to furnish stalls for 75 to 100 horses. In the arrangement and construction of track and building some novel improvements will be added. There is hardly room for doubt that the race-course will be a most successful one, as it will be an excellent track, both for running and trotting; and the easy means of access from all the sporting centres of the land assures the presence of the best horses.

The old Cape has always borne the palm for the beauty of its women, and it may now win new laurels from the physical strength of its men and the records made on its turf.

It Was a Chestnut.

"May I venture to tell you the old, old story, Miss Maud?" he said tremulously; "the old, old, yet ever new, story of——"

"Pardon me, Mr. Sampson, if I cause you pain," interrupted the girl, gently, "but to me, the story you wish to tell is a chesnut."

"A chestnut?"

"Yes, Mr. Sampson, I'm already engaged; but I will be a sister——"

"It isn't as wormy as that one," murmured Mr. Sampson, feeling for his hat.

"How do you feel this morning, grandmamma?" "I don't know, child the doctor has not come yet."—*Life.*

Champion Short Hand Writer.

Mr. A. S. White, the well-known author of "White's Phonography," famous as the Champion Shorthand Writer of the World, received the first prizes in the international contests at London, Edinburgh, Paris and Berlin; he came near being permanently disabled by rheumatism. His recovery by the use of a remedy infallible in curing rheumatism and all blood diseases is told in a letter from his office, 62 Washington st., Chicago, dated June 20, 1887. He writes:

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Foreign New Jersey.

The origin of the allusion to New Jersey as a foreign country is as follows: "After the downfall of the first Napoleon his brother Joseph, who had been king of Spain, and his nephew, Prince Murat, sought refuge in this country, bringing with them great wealth. Joseph Bonaparte wished to build a palatial residence, but did not wish to become a citizen, having hopes of returning to Europe. To enable him as an alien to hold real estate required a special act of the legislature. He tried to get one passed in several states, but failed. He was chagrined especially because Pennsylvania refused. After this he applied to the New Jersey legislature, which granted both him and Prince Murat the privilege of purchasing land. They bought a tract at Bordentown, built magnificent dwellings and fitted them up in the most costly manner. Rare pictures, sculptures, etc., were profuse and selected with the greatest care, and the grounds laid out with exquisite taste. Joseph Bonaparte's residence was, perhaps the finest in America. Thousands of people from all parts of the country visited him and were treated courteously. He was extremely liberal with his money, and gave great impetus to the business of the little town. The Philadelphians, finding that he had no end of money, and that he used it to benefit business generally, regretted, when too late, that they refused to let him locate among themselves, and to keep up their mortification, would continue to taunt Jerseymen with having a king—with importing the king of Spain to rule over them. They were called Spaniards and foreigners on that account. But these taunts harmed no one, as the Jerseymen lost nothing by allowing him to settle among them, and thus "foreigners," jokingly applied to Jerseymen, has come down to us long after its origin has been forgotten, except by a few of the past generation.

He Could Telegraph, Too.

I heard a funny incident the other day. Mr. G. L. Wooley, the electrician of this city, was dining at the Superior house in Cleveland, and it so happened that the only other occupants of the table with him were a bevy of lady telegraph operators. Mr. Woolley has been very successful in his business, and is able to gratify a strong penchant that he has for diamonds, and he generally wears one or two of startling proportions. He is also an expert telegraph operator. As soon as they were seated one of the young ladies began to size him up; then placing her knife blade between the tines of her fork, she imitated a telegraph sounder and telegraphed to her companions:

"Get onto his nobs with the big diamond."

Woolley caught on at once, and as soon as all the girls had turned their attention to him he, in the same manner telegraphed:

"Ah, there! Are you all on?"

A general stampede of the ladies followed and they dined somewhere else that day.—*Grand Rapids Telegraph-Herald.*

It Was Plumb.

Yesterday afternoon a man halted on Griswold street and looked pretty fixedly at the tower of the City Hall. In ten seconds a second man stopped and elevated his gaze. In five minutes thirty men were looking. No one said anything or discovered anything, when a fresh addition advanced to the first man and inquired:

"What is it, mister?"

"The City Hall tower," was the answer.

"What's the matter with it?"

"Why, it strikes me that it is out of plumb. Don't you think so?"

"Why, no. How could it be out of plumb?"

"I don't know. It struck me that way, but if you say it's all right, I'll take your word for it. Good morning, sir."

The other thirty stood and looked at each other in a foolish sort of way for a minute without saying a word, and then everybody made a rush to get away.—*Detroit Free Press.*

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A man who wanted to be facetious with the milkman as he was measuring out his morning portion said: "Do you charge extra for the water?" "No," replied the milkman, "the water is thrown in."—*Life.*

THE TALENTS.

LESSON V, SECOND QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, APRIL 29.

Text of the Lesson, Matt. xxv, 14-30. Golden Text, Rev. ii, 10—Memorize Verses 20-21—Comment by Rev. H. S. Hoffman.

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Notes.—V. 14. A man traveling, Jesus leaving earth and returning to heaven. V. 15. Several ability, different gifts and endowments of men, the foundation of responsibility and reckoning. V. 16. Traded, did business, worked. V. 19. Long time, implies that coming of the Lord came later than was expected. V. 24. Hard man, impossible to satisfy. V. 27. Exchangers, bankers, who would safely keep and pay interest on the money.

The virgins are represented as waiting for their Lord; here we have the servants working for him. The contemplative and active sides of Christian life are presented in the two parables. The foolish virgins failed from thinking their part too easy; the wicked servant fails from thinking his too hard. Christ exhorts us in this parable not to "wait till I come," but "occupy till I come."

V. 14. Christ, at the close of his earthly life, left his disciples and ascended to heaven. Though absent in body, he is present spiritually, and will be to the end of time. Their absence his goods were delivered to his servants. "Goods" here mean the blessings of life, salvation, the Gospel, the promises, special gifts and endowments, spiritual powers and capacities. The bestowal of any gift implies the obligation to use it.

V. 15. The ability of each one determined the measure of responsibility and trust. No one was burdened beyond his capacity. The talent of silver is estimated at from $16 to $22.50. Our English word "talents," which we use as the equivalent of power, especially mental, has grown out of this parable. The receiving of talents from God is a great privilege.

V. 16-17. Then, or straightway. Promptness makes Christ's business prosper. Promptness is a cardinal principal in Christ's kingdom. Traded, literally worked. There is nothing to be gained without hard, incessant labor. The fact that the capital doubled evinced industry. Spiritual capital increases by active work. Both servants were equally faithful, because each doubled what he had received. There was required of them only as they received.

V. 18. The wicked servant, like the others, had received according to his talent and his ability. Contrary to duty he buried his lord's silver in the earth. Before there were banks of deposit the custom of hiding money in the earth for safe keeping prevailed.

V. 19. After much time had elapsed, longer than had been expected, the lord returned to receive his revenues. This doubtless refers to the second coming of Christ.

V. 20. The faithful servant seems delighted to receive his lord. He is happy in the thought that his lord will be pleased with his efforts. Does not this illustrate how the faithful Christian shall at the judgment lift up his head and have boldness in that day?

V. 21. It is not success so much as faithfulness that is commended. The servant is pronounced (1) "good," that is, devoted, conscientious, enthusiastic, single hearted and whole hearted, and (2) "faithful," persevering, full of faith, faithful in his lord, trusting him. In this was the secret of his goodness and his success. Strong faith in Christ and in his promises makes earnest and untiring workers in his cause.

The reward of faithfulness was twofold. 1. A larger sphere of usefulness, increased power, greater influence, opportunities of doing good multiplied, "ruler over many things." 2. Entrance into and partaker of the Lord's joy. This includes all the glory and bliss which are reserved for God's faithful people.

V. 22, 23. This second servant was in all respects as noble a man as the first. Our future standing in glory is determined by our present devotion and diligence.

V. 24, 25. The unfaithful servant anticipates his Lord's condemnation. He comes not with joy in his heart and smiles on his face. A self seeker, intensely selfish himself, he ascribes the same to God to excuse himself. Men who excuse their own sins in the same breath blame God for being hard with them.

The unfaithful servant used not what he had; that was his sin. He had no right to think he had received too little. All that his lord asked was fidelity to his trust. The lord required little of him, and that little he failed to return. He thought evil all the while of his absent master. How then could he render him service and advance his interests?

Hiding talents of mind or influence or wealth, or satisfied to save our own souls with no effort to lead others to Christ, we act the part of this servant.

He said, "Lo, there thou hast that is thine," implying that he was himself scrupulously just, that he did not steal his lord's money, but returned every farthing. Negligent, unfaithful, evil in heart as he was, he, like wicked men, still boasted of his morality. He added falsehood to hypocrisy, for his time was his master's.

It must not be supposed that those poorly endowed with talents are the only ones that are slothful. Some of the worst examples of negligence and unprofitableness have been the most highly gifted of men. If the man of one talent will not be excused, certainly he who is more gifted will not escape.

V. 27. Taking him at his word, the Lord said: "If you knew I was so hard a master, why then did you you not try to serve me?" Knowing his duty, he might have so used his talents as to increase them and have benefited his fellows. To know our duty and then not to do it, will subject us to the greater punishment (Luke xii, 47).

V. 28, 29. There was a first negative punishment visited upon him for his neglect. The trust, the talent, was taken from him. He was separated from the opportunities he had and from the ability to improve them. This is a law of nature. The unused limb grows feeble; still water dries up and becomes foul; the inactive mind loses its power. The want of spiritual exercise dwarfs the rarest and greatest powers.

V. 30. The more positive punishment comes now to view. The same is visited upon the unprofitable servant, as upon the guest without the wedding garment, the hypocrites and the workers of iniquity.

The darkness into which he was cast never would have a ray of God's countenance to penetrate it; it would be "outer darkness," away from God.

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Nanticoke	7 50	3 26	12 16	8 22
Avondale	7 54	....	12 20	8 38
Plymouth	7 59	3 35	12 26	8 28
Plymouth Junction	8 03	3 39	12 30	8 38
Kingston	8 08	3 43	12 37	8 45
Bennett	8 12	....	12 41	8 49
Maltby	8 17	....	12 45	8 53
Wyoming	8 22	3 52	12 50	8 58
West Pittston	8 27	3 56	12 55	9 03
Pittston	8 33	4 01	1 03	9 09
Lackawanna	8 40	....	1 11	9 17
Taylorville	8 48	....	1 19	9 25
Bellevue	8 54	....	1 25	9 30
SCRANTON	9 00	4 22	1 30	9 35
	P M	P M	P M	A M

STATIONS.	A M	A M	SOUTH. P M	P M
SCRANTON	6 10	9 50	2 05	6 30
Bellevue	6 16	9 55	....	6 35
Taylorville	6 20	10 00	2 14	6 39
Lackawanna	6 28	10 08	2 21	6 37
Pittston	6 36	10 16	2 28	6 45
West Pittston	6 42	10 22	2 34	6 50
Wyoming	6 47	10 27	2 39	6 55
Maltby	6 51	10 30	....	6 59
Bennett	6 55	10 34	2 47	7 03
Kingston	6 59	10 38	2 50	7 07
Plymouth Junction	7 05	10 42	2 54	7 12
Plymouth	7 10	10 47	2 59	7 16
Avondale	7 14	10 51	3 03	7 21
Nanticoke	7 19	10 55	3 06	7 25
Hunlock's	7 26	11 02	3 19	7 43
Shickshinny	7 47	11 12	3 29	7 5'
Hick's Ferry	7 55	11 22	3 39	8 07
Beach Haven	8 01	11 28	3 45	8 13
Berwick	8 07	11 37	3 51	8 20
Briarcreek	8 13	....	3 57	8 27
Willow Grove	8 16	11 48	4 01	8 31
Lime Ridge	8 20	11 52	4 05	8 35
Espy	8 26	11 59	4 12	8 41
Bloomsburg	8 32	12 05	4 18	8 47
Rupert	8 37	12 10	4 24	8 52
Catawissa	8 42	12 15	4 29	8 57
Danville	8 57	12 30	4 46	9 15
Chulasky	9 08	....	4 54	9 23
Cameron	9 07	12 40	5 00	9 28
NORTHUMBERLAND	9 22	12 55	5 15	9 40
	A M	P M	P M	P M

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TIME TABLE.

In effect FEB. 5, 1888. Trains leave Sunbury EASTWARD.

9.40 a. m., Sea Shore Express (daily except Sunday), for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 3.15 p. m.; New York, 6.50 p. m.; Baltimore, 4.40 p. m.; Washington 6.50 p. m., connecting at Philadelphia for all Sea Shore points. Through passenger coach to Philadelphia.

1.43 p. m.—Day express (daily except Sunday), for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6.50 p. m.; New York, 9.35 p. m.; Baltimore 4.45 p. m.; Washington, 7.45 p. m. Parlor car through to Philadelphia and passenger coaches through to Philadelphia and Baltimore.

7.35 p. m.—Renovo Accommodation (daily for Harrisburg and all intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 4.35 a. m.; New York 7.10 a. m. Baltimore, 5.15 a. m.; Washington 6.05 a. m.; Sleeping car accommodations can be secured at Harrisburg for Philadelphia and New York. On Sundays a through sleeping car will be run; on this train from Williamsport to Philadelphia. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 8 a. m.

2.50 a. m.—Erie Mail (daily except Monday, for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 8.25 a. m. New York 11.30 a. m.; Baltimore 8.15 a. m.; Washington, 9.30 a. m. Through Pullman sleeping cars are run on this train to Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, and through passenger coaches to Philadelphia and Baltimore.

WESTWARD.

5.10 a. m.—Erie Mail (daily except Sunday), for Erie and all intermediate stations and Canandaigua and intermediate stations, Rochester, Buffalo and Niagara Falls, with through Pullman Palace cars and passenger coaches to Erie and Rochester.

9.55—News Express (daily except Sunday) for Rock Haven and intermediate stations.

12.22 p. m.—Niagara Express (daily except Sunday) for Kane and intermediate stations and Canandaigua and principal intermediate stations, Rochester, Buffalo and Niagara Falls, with through passenger coaches to Kane and Rochester and Parlor car to Williamsport.

5.30 p. m. Fast Line (daily except Sunday) for Renovo and intermediate stations, and Elmira, Waverly and intermediate stations, with through passenger coaches to Renovo and Watkins.

9.50 p. m.—Sunday mail for Renovo and intermediate station.

THROUGH TRAINS FOR SUNBURY FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH.

Sunday mail leaves Philadelphia 4.30 a. m Harrisburg 7.40 arriving at Sunbury 9.30 a. m. with through sleeping car from Philadelphia to Williamsport.

News Express leaves Philadelphia 4.30 a. m. Harrisburg, 8.10 a. m. daily except Sunday arriving at Sunbury 9.55 a. m.

Philadelphia, 7.40 a. m.; Baltimore 7.50 a. m. (daily except Sunday arriving at Sunbury, 12.55 p. m., with through Parlor car from Philadelphia and Lehigh passenger coaches from Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Fast Line leaves New York 9.00 a. m.; Philadelphia, 11.50 a. m.; Washington, 9.50 a. m.; Baltimore, 10.40 a. m. (daily except Sunday) arriving at Sunbury, 5.30 p. m., with through passenger coaches from Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Erie Mail leaves New York 8.00 p. m.; Philadelphia, 11.25 p. m.; Washington, 10.05 p. m.; Baltimore, 11.20 p. m. (daily except Saturday) arriving at Sunbury 8.10 a. m., with through Pullman sleeping cars from Philadelphia, Washington and Baltimore and through passenger coaches from Philadelphia.

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Express East leaves Sunbury 5.35 p. m., arriving at Bloom Ferry 6.26 p. m., Wilkes-barre 7.55 p. m.

Sunbury Mail leaves Wilkesbarre 10.30 a. m. arriving at Bloom Ferry 11.49 a. m., Sunbury 12.45 p. m.

Express West leaves Wilkes-barre 4.05 p. m., arriving at Bloom Ferry 4.39 p. m., Sunbury 5.47 p. m.

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